# Arizona's Transportation Acceleration Summit

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#### **Governor's Growth and Infrastructure Initiative**

- Coordination of transportation and land use planning
- Coordination among all levels of government and all stakeholders
- Mechanism needed to preserve right-of-way (public and private lands)
- All physical infrastructure (transportation, water availability, energy, wildlife/urban interface, management of State Lands, etc.
- Ensure that resources are used effectively (South Mountain Freeway, Anthem)

#### 1999 Regional Freeway System Acceleration

#### **Program Financing Assumptions**

- 1. \$300 M new State Infrastructure Bank and Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program
- 2. \$250 M of Grant Anticipation Notes
- 3. Continued funding from ADOT statewide program
- 4. Continued ADOT and MAG federal aid funding
- 5. Future vehicle license tax initiatives will be revenue neutral
- 6. Interest rates are stable
- 7. Project costs maintained within program inflation contingency
- 8. No significant economic downturn

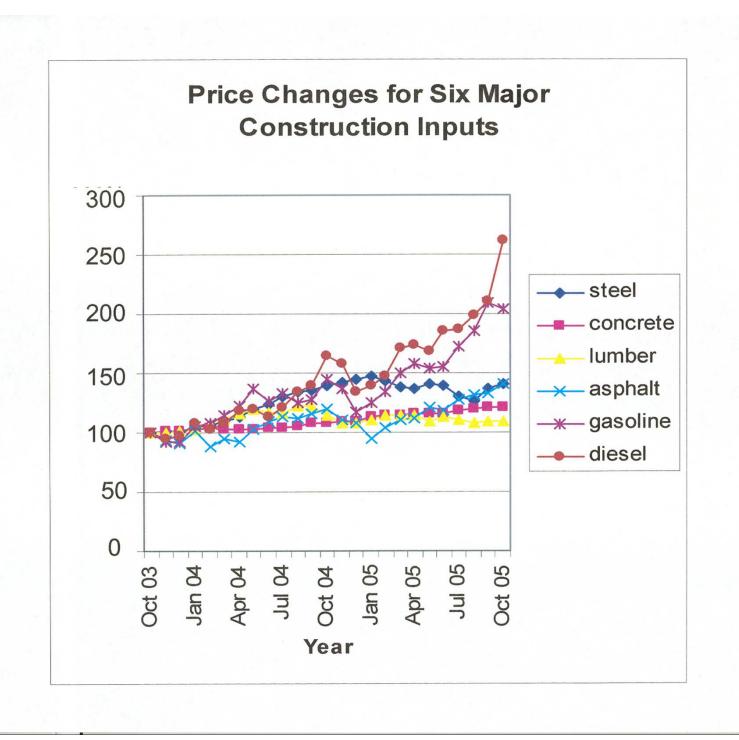
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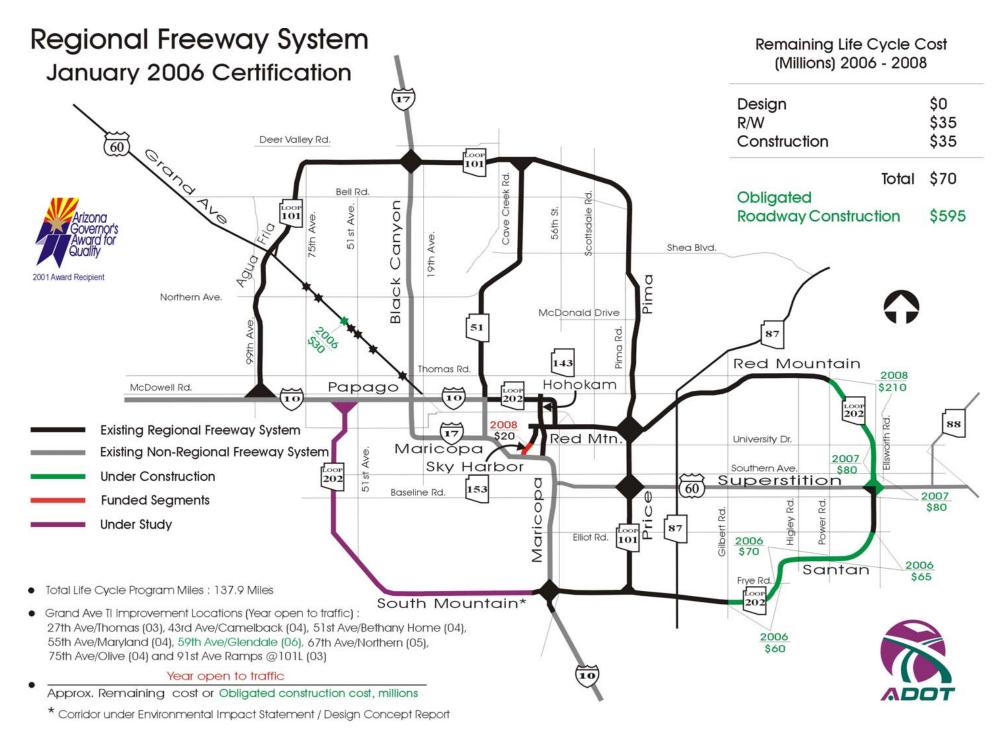
#### **Project Scheduling Assumptions**

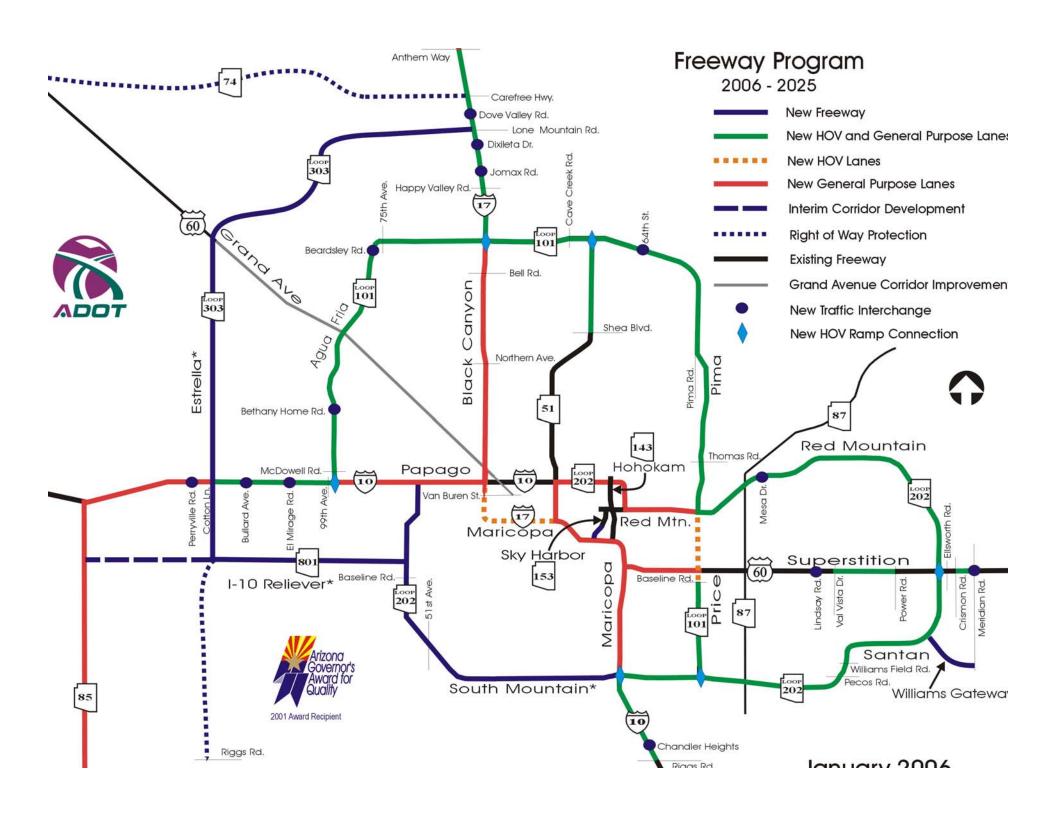
- 1. Project delivery system improved
- 2. Early completion of general plans
- 3. Early acquisition of right-of-way
- 4. Completion of environmental corridor studies
- 5. Consultant and contractor resources available
- 6. ADOT maintains core staff for system delivery
- 7. No major design changes after 30% plans are completed
- 8. Support of major stakeholders (cities, county, federal agencies, and utility companies)
- 9. Availability of design-build contracting

## **Challenges**

- Cost increases in building materials
- Shortages in building materials and labor
- Governor's Materials Shortage Working
   Group
- Working with MAG to develop a monthly construction cost index







# **Opportunities From This Summit**

- Statewide transportation challenges
- Financing ideas and concepts (Vision-21, others)
- Multi-modal opportunities
- Statewide commuter rail assessment
- Regional Transportation Plan Partners
  - Valley Metro
  - Valley Metro Rail
  - Maricopa Association of Governments
  - Arizona Department of Transportation

# **Buckle Up**

and

**Drive Safely!!**